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when I became a ham,

Morse Code was an important mode of communication to the amateur radio community. However, with

the development of precision digital modes such as PACTOR, AMTOR, and others, Morse Code has

become an anachronism. It is no longer used by any military or commercial service. Keeping Morse

Code as a requirement for obtaining an amateur radio license would be the equivalent of having

required the first licensed radio amateur operators to have passed a test in smoke signals. There should be no

Morse Code requirement for amateur radio licensing.

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